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① FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY FRED CHRISMAN AND HAROLD A. DAHL, TACOMA WASHINGTON, SM X. REURTEL INSTANT DATE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DAHL DID NOT ADMIT TO SMITH THAT HIS STORY WAS A HOAX BUT ONLY STATED THAT IF QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES HE WAS GOING TO SAY IT WAS A HOAX BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER TROUBLE OVER THE MATTER. COMPLETE REPORT NOW EN ROUTE TO BUREAU AMSD, WHICH INDICATES PROBABLY CHRISMAN OR DAHL MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL IN THE HOPE OF BUILDING UP THEIR STORY THROUGH PUBLICITY TO A POINT WHERE THEY COULD MAKE A PROFITABLE DEAL WITH FANTASY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS. DAHL AND CHRISMAN WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED UNLESS ADVISED TO THE ~~CONTAINING~~ CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM  
TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF  
RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE  
OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. LEAVERITT G.  
RICHARDS, AVIATION EDITOR THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN  
WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS,  
SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED  
DICK RANKIN, AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN  
LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERS-  
FIELD , CALIF. ACCORDING TO RICHARDS THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED  
FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED  
SEEING DISCS - KENNETH ARNOLD, BUSINESS MAN, BOISE, IDAHO, CAPTAIN  
E. J. SMITH AND CO-PILOT RALPH STEVENS, UNITED AIRLINES, AND DAVE  
JOHNSON, AVIATION EDITOR, IDAHO STATESMAN. TO ASCERTAIN THE  
PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS RICHARDS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING  
OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM  
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO  
WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN.  
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN  
DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH

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WERE KILLED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCREENED BY AAF INTELLIGENCE FROM MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THE <sup>M</sup> THE UNITED PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY ROLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN , TACOMA, WN. RICHARDS ADVISED THAT TODAYS ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN CARRIES A UP STORY STATING THAT DAHL DENIES SAYING THE METAL FRAGMENTS HE FURNISHED WERE FROM A DISC, AND ANALYSIS OF THE FRAGMENTS SHOWS THEM TO BE FROM A TACOMA SLAC MILL. NO AAF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE PORTLAND. NO RECENT SUBSTANTIVE REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS IN THE PORTLAND AREA. SEATTLE VERIFY AT MCCHORD FIELD AND SAN FRANCISCO VERIFY AT AAF HDQRTS. SF, SUBMITTING TELETYPE SUMMARIES TO THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND.

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